# Renewable Energy Project Activity On BLM Utah Public Lands

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#### **Presentation Outline**

- □ BLM Renewable Energy Program Framework
- ☐ Thumbnail of Bureau-level RE Fast-Track Projects
- □ Overview of BLM Utah RE Project Activity for
  - √ Wind Energy
  - √ Solar Energy
  - ✓ Geothermal Energy
  - ✓ Biomass Energy





# **BLM RE Program Framework**

- □ <u>Secretarial Order 3283 of Jan. 16, 2009</u> Enhancing Renewable Energy Development on the Public Lands
  - ✓ Designated BLM Renewable Energy Coordination Offices (RECO) for Permitting of Environmentally Responsible
    - Wind, Solar, Geothermal and Biomass Operations;
    - Siting of Electrical Transmission Facilities on the Public Lands
    - BLM RECO Designated States include AZ, CA, NV and WY
    - Additional RE Staff allocated to CO, ID, NM, OR, and UT (5 FTE)



#### Thumbnail of Bureau-level RE Fast-Track Projects

See Presentation Handout 1:

- □ 14 Utility Scale Solar Projects: 1-AZ, 9-CA, & 4-NV
- □ 9 Wind Turbine Projects: 4-CA, 2-NV, 1-OR, 1-UT, & 1-WY
  - ✓ enXco's Mineral Mountain 53 Turbine Project (More Testing)
- □ 6 Geothermal Projects: 6-NV
- □ 7 Transmission Projects: 2-CA, 3-ID, 2-NV
  - ✓ 500 kV Energy Gateway South/600 kV Transwest Express



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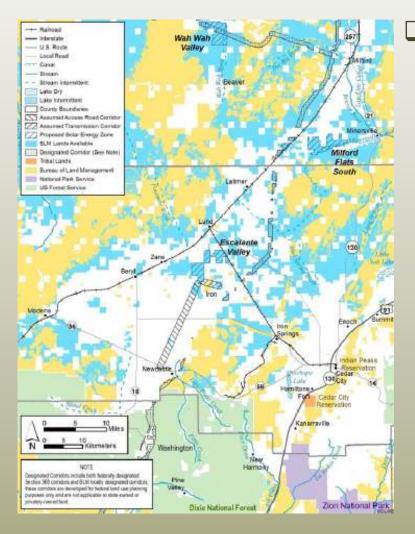
# Overview of BLM Utah's RE Project Activity

- □ Wind Energy Projects (See Presentation Handout 2)
  - **√** 35 Wind Metrological (MET) Testing ROWs
    - 19 Processed and 16 Pending Cedar City, Fillmore, Salt Lake FOs
    - Permits 137 met towers across 698,000 acres
  - √ 4 Wind Development ROWs (2 Approved /3 Pending)

	BLM Lands		Project Total	
	Turbines	MWs	Turbines	MWs
Approved ROWs				
Milford Phase I	28	42.0	97	145.5
Milford Phase II	33	49.5	60	90.0
Subtotal	61	91.5	157	235.5
Pending ROWs				
Milford Phase III	TBD	TBD	275	400.0
Mineral Mountain	TBD	TBD	53	80.0
Harmony Mountain	43	90.3	51	107.1
Subtotal	43	90.3	379	587.1
Total	104	181.8	536	822.6



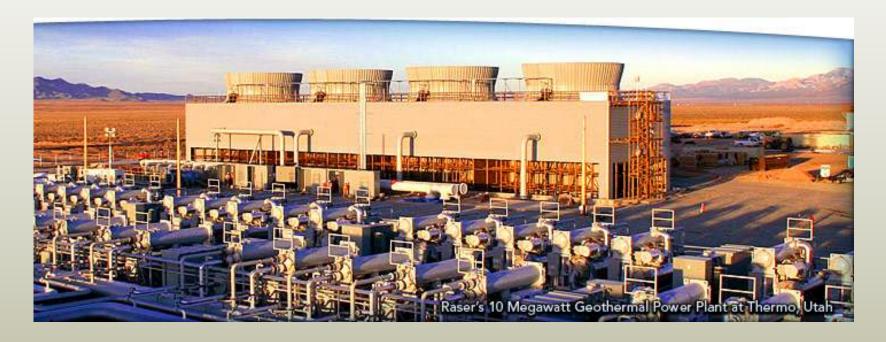
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- Solar Projects Development of Draft Programmatic EIS
  - ✓ Designating 25 SEZs with 3
    SEZs in SW Utah
    - ✓ Milford Flats South 6,440 acres
    - √ Wah Wah Valley 6,097 acres
    - ✓ Escalante Valley 6,648 acres
  - ✓ Completion of the Draft Solar PEIS is Expected in Dec. 2010



# Overview of BLM Utah's RE Project Activity (Cont'd)

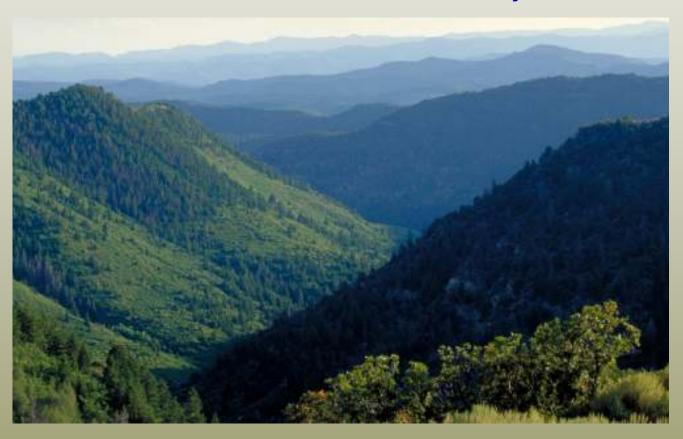


- □ Geothermal Projects: 160,000 Acres Under Lease
  - ✓ 160,000 Acres under Lease Up 60,000 Acres Feb. Sale
  - **✓ 3 Geophysical NOIs and 5 Authorized Development Projects**



# Overview of BLM Utah's RE Project Activity (Cont'd)

- □ Biomass Energy (Woody Variety)
  - ✓ BLM has Facilitated Organization of Utah Working Group
  - √ Have Received a DOE Grant to Study Kanab Area





# **Questions or Comments?**

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